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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, and transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergère, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MANZANILLO, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3½ per Annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 3 " " 2 " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. ERNEST VAUGHAN WETTON will CONDUCT my BUSINESS, for which purpose he holds authority to SIGN my name.

R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c.

16, Queen's Road Central, 1st August, 1879. see18

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an Invoice of PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY.

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc. in 2-lb. Tins.

And, A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINES, viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdelho, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sheraz, Reims Burgundy, Hermitage, Pineau in Quarts and Pints.

Also, (From Bordeaux), CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at 45 per Case.

A few Cases of LAFITTE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

VEUVE CLUQUOT PONSARDIN, Dry CHAMPAGNE (England).

In Cases of 1 doz. Quarts.

" 2 " " 2 " Pints.

Apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879. see13

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX: Quarts, \$17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints, \$18 " " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21f80

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT for the SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

WILLIAM NOTT.

Hongkong, September 4, 1879. see4

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Departures of these COMPANIES' STEAMERS on the HONGKONG-CANTON Route will be as under till further notice, commencing on the 8th Instant:—

KIN SHAN from Hongkong on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, at 8 a.m.; from Canton on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS, at 8.30 a.m.

IOHANG from Hongkong on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS, at 8 a.m.; from Canton on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, at 8.30 a.m.

The KIUKIANG will run as a Night-boat, leaving Hongkong on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, at 6 p.m.; Canton on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company, Limited.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

China Navigation Company, Limited. Hongkong, September 5, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. see20

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of HANS KLER, a Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Meeting of the Creditors of HANS KLER, trading under the Style of H. KLER & Co., who was adjudicated Bankrupt on the 10th day of November, 1878, will be held before the Honourable CHARLES BUSSE PLUNKET, Registrar of the Court at the Court House of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong on MONDAY, the 15th day of September, 1879, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon precisely, when the Official Assignee will submit a Statement of the whole Estate of the Bankrupt as then ascertained, of the Property Received and of the Property Outstanding, specifying the cause of its being so outstanding and of all the Receipts and all of the Payments thereout made, and any Creditor who has proved may attend and examine such Statements and compare the Receipts with the Payments. And the Meeting will declare by Resolution whether any and what part of the said produce of the Estate (after making a reasonable deduction for future contingencies) shall be divided amongst the Creditors, and at the same time the majority in value of the Creditors will determine whether any and what allowance shall be made to the Bankrupt out of the Estate; and the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts are to come prepared to prove the same or they will be excluded from the benefit of the said Dividend and all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

Dated this 2nd September, 1879. see15

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned begs to inform his Customers and the Public that he has REMOVED to No. 95, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Same Address as before the fire.

TUNG CHEONG, Tailor.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879. see20

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. R. M. ROBERTSON will sign "ACTING SECRETARY."

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879. see10

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business contributed during the Half-year ended 30th June, 1879, on or before September 30th, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879. see30

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879. see20

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "HALLOONG," Captain Goode, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 9th Inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & Co.

Hongkong, September 6, 1879. see9

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "HINDOSTAN," Captain McConnell, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 6, 1879. see11

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer "ATHOLL," THOMSON, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 19th Instant.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, September 5, 1879.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "EMUY," Capt. BLANCO, shortly expected, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, September 5, 1879.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

The Steamship "OCEANIC," Captain J. METCALFE, will be despatched hence for LONDON via SUEZ CANAL on or about October 20th, 1879.

First-class Fare to London, \$300.

For Freight or Passage, apply to the Agent of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Bark "TRITON," KALLSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "TOO WOOMBA," KIRKPATRICK, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "JAS. A. BORLAND," KENT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "ADELAIDE NORRIS," W. A. WOODWARD, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark "ANTOCH," A. WEEKS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.I.I. American Ship "MONTE ROSA," O. O. CLARKE, Master, will load here for

accurate kind attainable. It is therefore

accurate kind attainable. It is therefore to be most profoundly regretted that the

unfavorable" impression referred to by our Yokohama contemporary has taken so firm a hold upon the mind of the native community, and that this notion is generally received and tenaciously held amongst all classes. Although we are not, as our morning contemporary confesses himself to be, "at a loss to know to what our contemporary refers," we are not so certain that Governor Hennessy has yet decided to hold an investigation on the subject hinted at. That His Excellency, however, should do so, and without

moment's delay, must be the unanimous opinion of all thinking men. With Mr. Hennessy's known readiness to court investigation into all matters affecting the Government, there is little doubt that he will adopt this sensible and straightforward course. These remarks are made partly to show to the Administration the widespread belief that exists that all is not right—not because of any weight we give to the rumours of themselves—and partly in order to impress upon the Government the necessity

necessity of once for all putting an end to a most undesirable state of feeling in the native mind. We are of opinion that this object would be best accomplished by the appointment of a Commission composed of official and non-official gentlemen, provided with ample powers to make the strictest investigation possible, and especially with authority to call before them any witness, foreign or native, to give evidence. In view of the fact that

The Commission now sitting, we would suggest the names of—The Hon. Mr. Marsh, Dr. Stewart, Hon. Mr. Russell, Hon. Messrs Gibb and Keswick, and Mr. Jackson,—by whom a thoroughly independent, impartial and satisfactory judgment is certain to be arrived at.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE O. & O. steamer *Gastie* left Sa

expected at Yokohama about the 18th inst., and at Hongkong by the 23rd.

THE members of the Humane Society at

requested to assemble at the Bath House to-night at a quarter to nine o'clock, when the Hon. Surgeon, Dr. Stockwell, will give a lecture as to the treatment of the apparently drowned.

It is stated in our private advices from Bangkok that telegraphic advices are being band respecting the differences which recently arose between Mr Knox (H. M. Consul General) and the Siamese Government. The Foreign Office at home appears to have

taken a serious view of the matter, and are said to have "recalled" the Consul General. We presume the truth is that Consul General Knox has been requested to retire.

under the new retirement scheme, his long services doubtless supplying some justification for such a step.

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A serious accident occurred this evening about half past six in Queen's Road Central. A daughter of Mr Cernan, the gentleman who has charge of the trees in this colony, was amusing herself in one of the rooms in the upper storey of house No 25 Queen's Road, opposite the Hongkong

Dispensary; she had looked over the window to see what was taking place below, some coolies being congregated there making a noise, and, losing her balance

and she fell from the window, a height of about thirty feet. She was picked up by Mr. E. Bernard, a professor of music (a gentleman from Shanghai), and taken across the street to the Hongkong Dispensary where, within three minutes after the accident,

ident, she was attended by Dr. O'Brien, who, very fortunately, was not far distant when the accident took place. He ordered the child to be taken home where he examined her and found that her right leg was broken, her right arm broken, and her left arm broken.

Tax action brought by Messrs. Mourilyan & Heimann & Co., as agents for the S. & W. Galley of Lorne, against Mr. J. Pitman, for the recovery of \$250, for the interest on

the vessel after arrangements had been entered into for the conveyance by Governor Hennessy and party to Shanghai was heard in H.B.M.'s Court on Monday and ended in a verdict for the full amount.

claimed with costs. Defendant gave notice of his intention to appeal.—*Biogo News* August 27th.

THE WOOSUNG BAR, which as much deserves the title of "CLUB" as any other in the city.

the line of "Shanghai's shame" as the
doang Ho does that of "China's sorrow."
again pressing very heavily on the
patience and as heavily affecting the profit
of those engaged in or connected with the
steamer trade of Shanghai. The water at th

rate is low again and large steamers like the *Ticero* or the *Stence* from London with inward cargoes, and steamers leaving the port with outward cargoes too of course are subjected to an immense amount of inconvenience. Steamers of the class —

have spoken of are occasionally delayed for several days through there being insufficient water on the Bar. The depth of water here varies from 17 to 20ft. The *Glencoe* was drawing 22ft; the *Viceroy* drew 23 of

their last entrance. This cannot but be a direct and most iniquitous tax on trade which vessels as these taking say 1000 tons of coal cargo from this port for Shanghai could not get more than \$3 a ton for it. That cargo they would have to lighten

ost probably at the Bar, paying \$1 a ton
ere is thus a charge of more than 30 pe
nt on all such traffic—not to mention the
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d paralyzing effect on trade of such a
struction to the Port.

This Band will play to-morrow (Tuesday) evening from 9 o'clock to 11 in the Public Gardens, weather permitting. We are informed that this time there is to be no "hitch." The Gardens will be illuminated, and so nicely and precisely have matters been arranged, that there can be no mistake; "the man with the big drum" will enter the gates with the other members behind him, precisely as the last candle is lighted. The following is the programme:—

March,.....Glasgow,.....Borisian.
Overture,.....Zampa,.....Herold.
Selection,.....Ion,.....Potrelle.
Valse,.....Die Grillebanner,.....Strauss.
Grand Fan-.....Paysage to Hongkong, Werner.
tasia,.....Berlin,.....Michaelis.
Galop,.....L. WEINER, Band Master.

The feature of the evening will be, of course, Herr Werner's new composition, "the voyage to Hongkong," which is thus described:—

1. Gun Fire. Revellie. Soldier's Dream. Fall-in, Bugle and rush of men to fall in. "Quick March." Bands playing the Regiment to the railway station. First Band playing "The Girl I left behind me;" second Band "The Old Folks at Home;" the third Band "Home sweet Home." Regiment arrives at the railway station; "Halt." Train ready to start. Steam; Guard and Engine's whistles heard. Train starts slowly and a rattle at place of embarkation. Steam and whistle again heard. Regimental band plays the Regiment to the steamer. "Good bye, sweet-heart." Steamer going down the river. Imitation of Engine. Imitation of Sea-birds. The land fades from sight. "Lele of Beauty, fare thee well." Concert at Sea. Song. "Near thee; Near thee." Air with clarinet, flute, and cornet variations. "Mazurka," etc. Then, storm at sea. The captain's word of command is heard; the sailors shouting "Hoy Hoy;" the boat-swain's whistle; children crying, and alarm-bell. The storm abates; Calm. Thanksgiving. Himalaya Polka. Land sighted. Air, "Cheer boys, cheer." Finale.

GENERAL Grant's departure from Yokohama for America was fixed for the 2nd inst. per City of Tokio.

A REQUEST, addressed to the authorities concerned, asking for an abatement of the present serious nuisance of cremation practised in close proximity to the Bluff Houses, has (says the *Japan Gazette*) been sent to us for signatures, which, as Bluff residents and sufferers, we had no hesitation in appending. We observed with regret one of the signatories had had the extremely bad taste to underline the word "pray" properly placed in the text, and to add to it a note of admiration. Another signatory adds, "I rather enjoy it," and still another, "I rather like cremation."

Mr. H. Budler, who was to have succeeded Mr. P. G. von Müllendorff as Interpreter at the German Consulate-General, Shanghai, is, we note, homeward bound by the P. & O. steamer *Cathay*. Ill-health, we understand, is the cause of his sudden departure. The *N. O. D. News* says:—

During his stay in China, Mr. Budler was very energetic in his endeavours to promote the spread of Western art and science among the natives. His loss will, therefore, be much felt in certain circles. Mr. P. G. von Müllendorff will not now go to Peking, at least for a time, but will continue to perform his duties in this Settlement as heretofore.

We learn from an Imperial Decree, dated 27th August, that Kue Sung-tao, late Minister to England, has been granted leave to retire from his office of Vice-President of the Board of War on the plea of ill health. The *Courier* says:—

The announcement must cause general regret amongst all who hoped that the experienced and wise of foreign matters would be turned to profitable account by his own Government. There can be little doubt that the accounts which reached the Peking Government of his readiness to conform to European customs have led to his enforced retirement from official life.

The object of the *Vitor Piam* in coming to Japan is to survey the waters in the neighbourhood of the coast, which it is supposed will take one hundred days to complete.

In regard to the commencement of the fortnightly service between Yokohama and Hongkong, via Kobe, by the vessels of the Mitsui Bishi Company, the departure of the first steamer—the *Nigata Maru*—has been postponed to the 4th of October. The *Nigata Maru* is to be followed by the *Takasago Maru*.

THE *Shun Pao* states that the Magistrate of the district of Kien Ping, named Yang, has issued the following proclamation:—"I hereby notify keepers of opium shops that henceforth all their establishments must be closed, and that they must find some better occupation. If any one of them is known hereafter to be keeping an opium shop he shall be punished according to the law; and if any persons shall allow their premises to be rented as opium shops, their premises thus used shall be confiscated."

THE Swatow Opium Guild case came on at Shanghai on the 2nd inst., before His Excellency the Taotai; Chen, the Mixed Court Magistrate; A. Davenport, Esq., H. M.'s Consul; and C. F. R. Allen, Esq., H. M.'s Vice-Consul and British Assessor. The case—Messrs T. W. Duff, and D. M. David v. the Swatow Opium Guild—is one in which a conspiracy against foreign trade is alleged. The plaintiffs are merchants at Chinkiang, and their claim, which was for the total amount of Tls. 12,000—Tls. 6,000 each—was based on a despatch from H. M.'s Consul at Shanghai to the Taotai. There were seven defendants, whose names were Li Kwan-chi, Cheng Yan-yu, Chap-kee, Tuk-shun, Wo-yu, Kwob Hang-fung, and Ye-tai, and they were styled by the plaintiffs as members of the Committee of the Swatow Opium Guild, but in documents from the Taotai they were described as officers in charge of the Opium Tax Office. Of the Tls. 12,000 claimed by the

plaintiffs, they sought to recover Tls. 10,000 as compensation for obstruction and injury by the defendants to their sale of opium, by openly and audaciously violating treaty stipulations, whereby they had rendered them as traders in opium helpless; the plaintiffs further claimed Tls. 2,000 for expenses. The hearing of this case, which has been pending for the last four or five months, has been looked forward to with more than usual interest; the fact that it affords the action and position of Chinese Guilds in relation to foreign trade, rendering it of great importance to the mercantile community generally. The Court and its approaches were crowded throughout the hearing, which lasted from ten o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the evening, and during the proceedings some rather strange revelations, in relation to trade, were made. The Shanghai papers give full reports of the proceedings, which we shall summarise from time to time.

A STORY reaches us through the *Peking Gazette*, which adds another proof to the many already existing of the fact that the Chinese, whatever may be their other defects of character, deserve, at least, the credit of being able to die well. A servant, who accompanied one of the Commandants of the forces to Li relates the story of his master's death, which in substance is as follows:—In March, 1861, I left Peking in company with my master; some months afterwards we arrived at our destination. In 1864, when the Mohammedan rebellion broke out, the rebels invested the city and my master held it firmly against them for several months until, our provisions giving way, and half of our troops having died of hunger, with no prospect of succour at hand, he was obliged to surrender. At this crisis, my master recollecting that there was a magazine well stored with powder in the city, and that its possession would materially strengthen the hands of the enemy, had the powder cases all arranged in a row in his public office, whither he repaired, clad in full official costume, accompanied by the members of his family, and with deliberate calmness set fire to the train. His wife, son, daughter and two grandsons, together with relatives and servants, in all more than a score of persons, perished on the spot. *Courier*.

On the afternoon of the 2nd inst. Mr. Ashley, Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department, issued orders for the various fire brigades to turn out at 9 o'clock the same evening. The object of this was to give to H. E. J. Pope Hennessy an opportunity of comparing the fire department with that of Hongkong. The following engines turned out:—"Torrent," No. 6, the French manual engine No. 6, the "Victoria," and "Deluge," and the Hook and Ladder Company. "Hongkong" No. 2 had orders from its foreman not to turn out, and accordingly it did not do so, though there were members waiting to go with it. The following express was issued next day:—"Shanghai Fire Brigade.—I am requested by Mr. Davenport, H. B. M.'s Consul, to convey to the members of the Brigade the thanks of His Excellency J. Pope Hennessy for their courtesy in turning out yesterday evening for a special parade." But some of those interested, however, seem not to be satisfied with the proceedings as follows: for we find "A Fireman" writing as follows:—

"I do not pretend to say whether No. 2 Company was right or wrong in acting as they did, though I think they show some common sense in staying at home; and I want to ask whether our worthy Chief Engineer (chosen by ourselves) has the right to order out the several Companies of Volunteer firemen because Mr. Pope Hennessy expresses a wish to see the Department at work? I for one scarcely think it proper for him to do so without first consulting the men themselves as to whether they will attend or not, but perhaps the rules of the Fire Commission may throw some light on this point. Last night's affair was, in my opinion, a perfect farce; the French engine and "The Deluge" were well manned; the "Victoria" had one foreigner with her, and the "Mih-ho-long" ran about for half an hour or so, all this to show our neighbour, the Governor of Hongkong, how we go to work to extinguish a fire. I do not see that we, as Volunteers, should be called out in this sultry weather for such a paltry object; when wanted for real duty, the firemen are always ready for it, for which labour, it should be remembered, they are seldom thanked, never rewarded, and have the privilege of paying for the clothes they spoil. I should think the late fire on the French side satisfied the wants of every member then present, without any night-work now with no ultimate good to be got from it."

LETTERS from Peking, we read in the *Japan Gazette*, say that great secrecy is observed, so that no news of a trustworthy character can be obtained to show the present state of the negotiations between China and Russia about the rendition of Kuldja (li). There are, however, reasons for believing that, so far, the Chinese claim has been either evaded or met by important claims for compensation. The Russian forces have been increased, and the Chinese armies receive continual reinforcements of partially trained men. Much mystery is observed about the number of the Chinese forces, and their strength cannot be estimated with any confidence. It is said that the armies in Kashgar and on the confines of Li constitute the largest force Tso has yet had under his command, and that the arms and equipment of the "braves," whether infantry, irregular cavalry or artillery, are in a satisfactory condition. At one time the question gave rise to the most serious anxiety to the Council at Peking; but during the last three or four months the Chinese have become more confident in their strength, so that it is most probable the Chinese Cabinet may, in case of a crisis, agree to Tso's bold recommendations.

Police Intelligence.
(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket).
Monday, September 8.

A POOR EXCUSE.
Kwan A Chung was charged by Inspector Mulgrave with raking out rubbish from the dust bin on the Pokfulam Road, messing the road and causing an unpleasant smell. Defendant stated that he saw a man throw some onions into the dust bin; and wanted to see if any of them were fit to eat. Inspector Mulgrave stated that the defendant was well known to him as a

rogue and vagabond; he had been in gaol several times.

Fined \$2, in default of payment seven days' hard labour.

GAMBLING.
Tong Man Li was charged with gambling on the Pokfulam Road, and being a rogue and vagabond. Police Sergeant Sam A Kan stated that he had heard that gamblers were in the habit of going out to the stone cutters and enticing them to gamble. He went to look after them, and caught defendant playing dominoes; he arrested him and found \$1.40 on his person.

Defendant stated that he was sitting down to cool himself, and was not engaged in the game. Sam A Kan, re-called, said—"When I arrested the prisoner he had the dominoes in his hand."

Prisoner was fined \$5; in default of payment, fourteen days in gaol with hard labour.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

FIRST OFFENCE.
John Henry Bloomfield, musician, a native of Ireland, charged with being drunk and disorderly, stated that he was very sorry he had got drunk. He came from Calcutta six days ago to look for employment, and had never been in trouble before. His Worship told defendant he would let him off this time, but he must be careful not to come before him again.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.
Charles Martin, an unemployed seaman, from Chili, and John Johnson, a Russian seaman of the American barque *Excelsior*, were each fined a dollar for being drunk and incapable.

James Durning, a seaman of H.M.S. *Excelsior*, was charged with being drunk, and refusing to pay chair hire; he admitted being "very drunk," and said he remembered nothing.

A YOUNG DISORDERLY.
William Hooking, a lad of 19, employed on the American barque *Excelsior*, was fined \$1 for being drunk and disorderly at Praya on the 7th instant.

Ordered to pay thirty cents to the chair coolie.

Charles Faulkner, an unemployed engineer, charged with being drunk, and refusing to pay chair hire, was discharged, the complainant failing to appear to press the charge.

STEALING A SODA WATER BOTTLE.
Li A Ho, who stated that he had gone on board the steamship *Kia Shan* to look for work, was seen to left a soda-water bottle and slip it into his waistband.

Defendant admitted taking the bottle, and was fined \$3 for unlawful possession, in default of payment ten days in gaol with hard labour.

A POOR THEIF.
Ho A Yap was charged with stealing three pieces of wood from the Sang Cheong carpenter shop on the 6th instant.

Liung A Chuk, master of the shop, stated that he saw the defendant running away with the three pieces of wood, and called out to one of his coolies to chase him.

Lo A Yek, employed by last witness, heard his master call out to him to run after a thief; he ran out, and saw the wood lying on the road, and the prisoner running away. He followed him and caught him. When he seized prisoner he said—"Let me off this time." Witness gave prisoner over to a constable.

Defendant admitted the charge and pleaded poverty, and asked to be sent to Shun Tak. He has been here three months and was out of employment.

His Worship sent him to gaol for twenty-one days, with hard labour, and instructed him to apply for a passage home after his twenty-one days were finished.

SNATCHING DOLLARS.
Chai A Ng was charged with stealing \$10, the property of Wong Akwai, a married woman.

The complainant was in a shop in Tai Ping Street getting some dollars and broken silver weighed. The accountant of the shop had weighed \$10 which he wrapped in a paper and gave to the woman, who kept it on the counter, with her hand on it, until the balance of the broken silver was weighed. Defendant came into the shop and asked for two cash worth of cigarettes. He snatched the \$10 from complainant's hand and bolted with it. Complainant ran after him calling out "thief," and never lost sight of him until he was arrested in the Queen's Road by a District Watchman. When arrested the prisoner said,—"I did not snatch your money."

Ho Atak, accountant of the Chung Hing shop, swore to the prisoner being the man who snatched the packet of silver from complainant's hand. Witness has not seen complainant or defendant since the money was stolen, until this morning.

Defendant said that he had been engaged to work on board some ship and was on the way to his work; being late, he was running along the street when he was arrested by mistake.

Complainant was re-called, and stated, that when prisoner was running away, he fell down in Tank Lane and covered himself with mud. Sam Tong, charge-room interpreter, stated that prisoner denied the charge when brought to the Central Station, and said—"It was the man with the white jacket who snatched the money, and ran against me knocking me down." His clothes were covered with mud as if he had fallen down.

Defendant wished to correct his former statement, and now said—"I was not running when the man knocked me down and when I was arrested. I do not wish to call any witnesses."

Prisoner was sent to gaol for six months with hard labour; the first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement.

COMMITTED TO THE SESSIONS.
U A-cheng, who was charged with stealing a pair of earrings value \$16.50 from the person of a married woman, on the 6th inst.

Leung A-kan stated that she was on the way to the Ko Shing Theatre on Saturday evening; she had got about as far along as the steps at Tank Lane, when some one came up behind and snatched her earrings from her ears. There was a street lamp at the opposite side of the road. She turned when she felt the pull at her ears and saw the defendant quite plainly. He had his hands closed as if holding something. Witness called out, "Robbery, robbery," but did not pursue the prisoner, who rushed away in the direction of the steps. She re-

turned to her house, and soon afterwards a constable came and brought the prisoner. She recognised him at once and accused him of stealing her earrings.

Mak Tung Hi, a servant girl in the employ of complainant, was with her mistress at the time, and saw the thief quite plainly. She swore to prisoner being the man.

Cheng Ashik, a coolie, was walking in Square Street on the evening of the 6th inst., about seven o'clock. He heard some one call out "thief," and saw the defendant running up the steps in Tank Lane; he stopped him and handed him over to an Indian constable. A District Watchman came up and told witness and the Constable something about a robbery, and directed them to the house of the complainant. Witness, the constable, and the prisoner went to complainant's house, and the first witness and her servant identified prisoner and charged him with stealing the earrings. Prisoner denied the charge. In reply to a question of prisoner's,

Witness said—"I never had a fight with you."

By the Court—When I saw the defendant running up the steps and along Square Street, I ran after him and caught him; at that moment the constable came up.

P. C. 532, was on duty in Square Street and saw the last witness pursuing defendant and heard him call out—"Lallung!" Prisoner fell down and last witness seized him. The constable went up and took prisoner in charge, and afterwards took him to the house of the complainant.

Thomas Cole proved two previous convictions for larceny, against the prisoner, who admitted the convictions.

After being duly cautioned, the prisoner reserved his defence, and was committed for trial before the Supreme Court.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Wong Akoi, a married woman, and Tam Shing Yan, master of a fishing junk, were charged by Ho Tai Hi, master of fishing junk No. 2165 (1) with detaining a male child aged 8, named Ho Yan, with intent to deprive the mother of the possession of the child, on the 6th of last May; (2) also with detaining a female child aged 11; and (3) with stealing one box containing clothing and account books on the 9th of last May.

Complainant said:—"The first defendant is my sister-in-law; she is concubine to the second defendant; she was my elder brother's wife. The children in Court are my brother and sister. I have made application to the Supreme Court regarding the custody of the children; the case has not yet been decided."

Prisoners were remanded for a week, and were admitted to bail in \$50 each.

THE SWEDISH EXPEDITION.

The Shanghai papers to hand to-day state that the *Vega*, the ship in which the Swedish Professor Nordenskiöld is out to accomplish the passage North of Russia and Siberia finally coming through Behring's Straits, and so to Japan and China, has arrived at Yokohama. Telegraphic advices to that effect were received at Shanghai on the 4th inst. The *Courier* says:—

The gallant explorer has thus accomplished the passage across Asia, passing to the north of Russia and Siberia. At one time through Behring's Straits. At one time there seemed but too much reason to fear that harm had befallen the expedition, if indeed, it had not become totally lost. During part of the journey, it was, of course, impossible to find means of communicating with the outer world; but it was known that the *Vega* had got into positions of difficulty, if not of absolute danger. In May last, news reached St. Petersburg, to the effect that the Professor and his comrades were all well on board the steamer, which was then near Behring's Straits. Shortly after, the *Vega* was enabled to publish some particulars respecting the expedition. A telegram despatched from St. Petersburg, by M. Alexander Sibirskoff to the Editor of the *Geographische Mittheilungen* at Gotha, announced that Professor Nordenskiöld had sent a letter to the Governor-General of Eastern Siberia, dated September 25th, which was forwarded to Anadyrsk by Tschukotka natives, and reached Urukutsk on the 28th of April. It appeared from that letter that on the 16th of September last the ship *Vega*, conveying the expedition, was frozen in at Serdze Kamon, the north eastern extremity of the Tschukotka Peninsula. All were, however, well on board, and there was no want of provisions or fuel. Serdze Kamon is situated 67° 3' North latitude and 171° 33' West longitude, a distance of only 100 nautical miles from Behring's Straits. Serdze Kamon is reached almost every year by whalers from the Pacific. The most interesting details of the expedition were, however, obtained from a private letter received at Carlskrona from the commander of the steamer. From this source we learn that the *Vega* left the month of June on the 27th August. At first she met tolerably good progress, although she had to contend with ice and shoals. The voyage continued to Cape Jakow, but there she was stopped for three days. The steamer got away from there on the 11th September, and after a difficult passage reached Cape North on the 12th, where she remained beset until the 13th. After that date the steamer could only now and then make progress, on account of the ice. On the 26th September the expedition attained the position of lat. 67 deg. 6 min., long. 173 deg. 30 min. If the *Vega* had not there two days earlier she would have reached Behring's Straits. The ship was then alongside a very low sandy shore, made fast to the ground ice. Everyone was well, and there was a good supply of provisions and enough coal on board to steam 2,000 miles. One or two villages had been passed, the inhabitants of which are called Tschuktschis, who are supposed to have originally come from Greenland, and seem to be a kindred race to the Esquimaux. Their complexion is tawny, and their hair and eyes are black. They dress in clothes made of reindeer-skin, reside in skin tents, and live on seal blubber. They are singularly amiable and obliging. The women have their faces tattooed, but the men not. Their language is very hard to understand, but the explorers have learned it, and have compiled a Swedish-Tschuktschis lexicon of over 300 words. There were three Tschuktschis villages in the neighbourhood of the *Vega*. The temperature in September seldom went down below 3 deg., and the lowest was 5 deg. (°) On the darkest day of the year, the 21st December, the sun was above the horizon. The letter from which the above particulars were taken was sent off from the *Vega* by a chief who was on a visit, and who lives near Anadyrsk. The explorers then expected to get free

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"....." 3, \$400
"....." 4, \$380
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"....." " 3, \$465
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CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1878, AND TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Undersigned with a List of their CONTRI-
BUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to
the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the
Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Re-
served for CONTRIBUTORS may be ar-
ranged. Returns not rendered prior to the
31st OCTOBER NEXT will be adjusted by the
Company, and no Claims or Alterations
will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 2, 1879. nol

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS
OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Undersigned with a List of their CONTRI-
BUTIONS for the Year ending December 31st
1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from Janu-
ary 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the
Distribution of the Portion of PRO-
FITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS
may be arranged. Returns not rendered
prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted
by the Company and no Claims or Alterations
will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 24, 1879. oc31

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agree-
ment, the Directors have declared a
DIVIDEND TO POLICYHOLDERS for the
FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st Decem-
ber 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT.
ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,
payable at our OFFICE on and after the
15th instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in
particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

NOTICE.

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CHANGE.

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HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, are
Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from
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E. GEORGE,
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Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

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INSURANCES granted on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.
MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 3jn80

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COMPANY.

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INSURANCES against FIRE granted at
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tion in Premium for LIFE Insurance in
China.
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Hongkong, June 2, 1879. 2jn80

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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

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Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the nett amount of Premia contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
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Annual Income £ 250,000

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Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Poochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

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COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premia.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

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Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

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for their decision.

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first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
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CAPITAL £2,000,000.

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grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
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Agents for the above Corporation are
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of
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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Belgio	5 c	Meyer	Brit. str.	1716	Aug. 14	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & San F'isco	11th inst.
Bellona	3 c	Ahrens	Ger. str.	789	Sept. 8	Meyer & Co.		
Bombay	2 h		Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
Cathay	5 c	Dundas	Brit. str.	1884	Sept. 6	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow
China	5 c	Alderton	Brit. str.	1036	Sept. 6	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-day
Chinkiang	4 c	Orr	Brit. str.	799	Sept. 7	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
City of Peking	5 k	Berry	Amer. str.	5079	Sept. 2	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & San F'isco	
Conquest	5 h	Elphlok	Brit. str.	317	Sept. 1	E. Shun	Hoihow & Haiphong	at daylight
Danube	2 h	Clanchy	Brit. str.	661	Sept. 7	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	
Emmy	5 c	Blanco	Span. str.	222	Sept. 6	Remedios & Co.	Amoy and Manila	To-day
Esmeralda	5 h	Talbot	Brit. str.	395	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	Amoy	
Fame	6 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Plying
Gravina	4 c	Echevaria	Span. str.	397	Sept. 5	Remedios & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Hailong	5 h	Goode	Brit. str.	277	Sept. 6	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy, &c.	To-morrow
Hindustan	5 c	McConnell	Brit. str.	991	Sept. 6	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	11th, 3 p.m.
Japan	5 h	Gardner	Brit. str.	1865	Sept. 5	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.		
Kwangtung	5 h	Abbott	Brit. str.	674	Sept. 4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-day
Namoa	5 h	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Sept. 7	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	
Norma	5 c	Love	Brit. str.	606	May 31	Kwok Acheong		
Olympia	5 c	Nagel	Ger. str.	783	Aug. 31	Landstein & Co.	Salgon	Coast Dock
Pernambuco	5 h	Hyde	Brit. str.	652	Sept. 2	Melchers & Co.		10th, daylight
Sea Gull	8 k	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.		Sands' Ship
Venice	5 h	Rhode	Brit. str.	1962	Sept. 5	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Zephyr	5 h	Connor	Brit. str.		Russell & Co.	Hoihow, &c.	Sands' Ship
Sailing Vessels								
Adam H. Simpson	7 h	Call, Jr.	Amer. sh.	1524	Aug. 4	Borneo Co., Limited		
Adelaide Norris	4 c	Woodward	Amer. bge.	719	Aug. 11	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Agnes Muir	4 k	Lowe	Brit. sh.	851	July 25	Meyer & Co.	Hamburg	
Alva	3 k	Souza	Port. sh.	632	Aug. 31	Brandao & Co.		
Anna Bertha	4 k	Krausa	Ger. bge.	408	Aug. 26	Siemssen & Co.	Hioe	
Antioch	3 c	Weeks	Amer. bge.	646	Aug. 7	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Bua Fan	2 c	Muller	Siam. sh.	576	Aug. 31	Yuen Fat Hong		For Sale
Chocola	4 k	Kennett	Brit. sh.	284	July 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Elzenzer	4 c	Miller	Brit. 3m. sh.	319	Aug. 24	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Echo	5 k	Tozer	Brit. bge.	369	Aug. 27	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Newchwang	
Edward Barrow	4 c	Rish	Brit. bge.	958	June 26	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Elizabeth Childs	5 k	Linaberg	Brit. bge.	391	Aug. 30	Wieler & Co.	Newchwang	
Ernst	2 k	Eddy	Ger. 3m. sh.	356	Sept. 3	Wieler & Co.		
Excalibur	3 c	Eddy	Amer. bge.	593	Aug. 24	Russell & Co.	Tientsin	
Faugh Balagh	4 k	Ritte	Ger. bge.	240	Aug. 24	Carlowitz & Co.	Newchwang	
Felsenberg	4 k	Jacobsen	Dan. bge.	365	Aug. 29	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Newchwang	
Fred. P. Litchfield	4 k	Spalding	Amer. bge.	1083	July 11	Russell & Co.	New York	
Gylding	3 k	Winther	Dan. sh.	240	Aug. 5	Siemssen & Co.	Cape Town	
Hermann	4 k	Schmidt	Ger. bge.	444	Aug. 7	Wieler & Co.	Poochow and Cape	
Highlander	4 k	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	Newchwang	
Hongkong	4 k	Oom	Ger. 3m. sh.	219	Aug. 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Newchwang	
J. A. Forland	4 c	Kent	Amer. bge.	670	July 26	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Jessie McDonald	7 c	Stott	Brit. 3m. sh.	275	Aug. 24	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Newchwang	
John Potts	7 c	MacPherson	Brit. bge.	374	Aug. 26	Butterfield & Swire	Sydney	
Julia Dufaur	4 k	Willigen	Brit. bge.	434	Aug. 20	Tan Kang Ho	London	
Kalaja	4 c	Roos	Russ. bge.	690	Aug. 18	Vogel & Co.	Newchwang	
Krung Thep	2 k	Dharsen	Siam. bge.	488	Aug. 31	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang	
Kvik	5 k	Larsen	Norw. bge.	417	Aug. 24	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang	
Monte Rosa	4 k	Carter	Amer. sh.	1313	June 15	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Norman Court	7 c	Dunn	Brit. bge.	834	Sept. 2	Turner & Co.		
Prosperity	2 c	Hoff	Siam. bge.	476	Aug. 12	Obhness		
Sir Lancelot	7 c	Brokenshar	Brit. bge.	888	Aug. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Chefoo	
Sourabaya Packet	2 k	Verduin	Dutch bge.	462	Aug. 29	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Spica	8 c	Hollmann	Ger. bge.	915	Aug. 29	Melchers & Co.		
Star of China	7 c	Blaker	Brit. sh.	794	Aug. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Sumatra	3 k	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.		
Toowomba	7 c	Kirkpatrick	Brit. bge.	585	Aug. 25	Vogel & Co.	London	
Triton	4 k	Kalsen	Ger. bge.	558	Aug. 21	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Vesta	3 k	Kuige	Dutch bge.	417	Aug. 26	Siemssen & Co.		
Werra	5 k	Dinkelberg	Ger. bge.	932	Aug. 31	Melchers & Co.		
Young Siam	8 c	Benedictin	Siam. sh.	701	Sept. 6	Order		
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Florence Nightingale		McIntyre	Brit. bge.	464	Aug. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Chefoo	
Friedrich Perthes		Walther	Ger. bge.	446	Sept. 3	Siemssen & Co.	Tientsin	
Harmonie		Schiphorst	Ger. sch.	241	Sept. 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
CANTON								
Hwai Yuen		Wilson	Chi. str.	984	Sept. 6	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Ningpo		Cass	Brit. str.	761	Sept. 8	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	